

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following paragraph between the title and the technical field section.

**--RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Under provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119, Applicant claims the benefit of European Patent Application No. 00124788.1, filed November 14, 2000, and U.S. provisional patent application serial number 60/249,463, filed November 20, 2000.--

Please replace the paragraph that begins on line 28 of page 6 and ends on line 30 of page 6 with the following paragraph:

The insulation (5) is made of very thin (about 5  $\mu\text{m}$ ) polypropylene tape layers. This kind of insulation does not require any impregnation. Alternatively, the insulation ~~may~~ may be made as described above for a WD superconducting cable.

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